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Dave Spence

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Missourians will go to the voter box Nov. 6 to vote on Proposition B. If passed, the measure will raise the current tobacco tax from 17 cents to 90 cents. Citizens find themselves divided. The revenue from the tax will go to elementary, secondary and higher education, as well as to pay for tobacco education and prevention programs.

Missouri citizens divided on tobacco tax increase

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Missourians find themselves split over a burning issue.

November's ballot brings with it Proposition B, an initiative that would increase Missouri's tobacco tax.

The tax of 17 cents, is the lowest in the country, would be increased to 90 cents if the measure is passed. All bordering states have a cigarette tax that, at

least, triples Missouri's.

From government officials to cancer support groups, Show-Me State citizens are divided on the matter.

Gov. Jay Nixon voiced his opposition to the initiative at a governor's race debate held Sept. 21 in Columbia.

"I don't think a tax increase is the appropriate way to fund our higher education," Nixon said. "That being said, the public deserves a vote on it. On matters such as this, it's important for the pub-

lic to have that vote and have their voice heard directly at the ballot box, and we will await their decision."

Missouri governor hopeful Dave Spence agreed with his opponent on the matter. Spence said in a time of such economic distress, raising taxes was not on his agenda.

"I don't support the tax increase," Spence said at the debate. "I have traveled to all 114 counties, and I see families worrying about \$3.75 gallon of gas,

worrying about putting food on their tables...so no I don't support any tax increase at this time."

Show-Me A Brighter Future is the organization pushing the tax increase. The tax would generate an additional \$283 million annually for the state, according to its estimates.

The organization, which is supported by the American Cancer Society,

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U.S. Bank pays for student's tuition over one year period

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Luck and a drawing was all that was needed for one freshman to win one free year of college.

Like other freshmen at Summer Orientation Advisement and Registration, Lauren Brase entered into a drawing sponsored by U.S. Bank to see who could leave that day knowing she would not have to pay for tuition for the 2012-2013 year.

"At first, I didn't even know why my name was on the drawing," Brase said. "I usually never win anything."

After all of the forms had been filled out with information from each SOAR attendee, a faculty member drew Brase as the winner. However, she had heard from a friend beforehand that she was the winner.

"I received a text message from my friend, Hannah, that said 'congrats,'" Brase said.

She was later told by U.S. Bank that she would not have to pay tu-

ition this year.

Students who entered into the drawing at SOAR did not need to set up an account with U.S. Bank prior to SOAR or have any scholastic prerequisites to enter. All they needed was luck.

"The reason we do this is to support Northwest Missouri State," said Melissa Shelton, Maryville's U.S. Bank manager. "We do this to support Northwest students, but we wish we could do this for others."

Many students from SOAR entered into the drawing in June, and a Northwest faculty member drew the winning name in August.

The tuition drawing by U.S. Bank U.S. Bank gives students the opportunity to apply for one of 40, \$1,000 scholarships, according to U.S. Bank's website.

"This is to show our support for the students [at Northwest]," Shelton said. "We will continue with this relationship with the campus."

MHS band members receive honor

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Drum roll please... Maryville High School announced two of their band students are on their way to South Florida to perform at one of the biggest halftime shows of the year.

Over the summer juniors Loren Puche and Braxton Salcedo auditioned for the All-Star Invitational Marching Band. The students were accepted and will represent MHS by performing with the All-Star band during halftime of the BCS National Championship game in January. This championship game is the final game in the Bowl Championship Series and determines the national champion for NCAA Division I football.

"I thought it would be really cool," Puche said. "I just gave it a shot because I thought, 'Since the entire nation is going to do it, why not try it?'"

Both students are on the drum line and have played since fifth grade. Puche plays tenors for the quad drums, and Braxton plays the



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Juniors Loren Puche and Braxton Salcedo were chosen to attend the All Star Invitational Marching Band. The two Maryville High School students will get the opportunity to preform at a Division 1 college football game.

snare drum. They were nominated for this audition by their band director, Burke Shouse.

In an email sent to his colleagues, Shouse said that he "couldn't be more proud of them."

Several students were nominated, but not all of them auditioned.

The All Star Invitational Marching Band brings student

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Suspects in murder of Tomarken Smith await trial

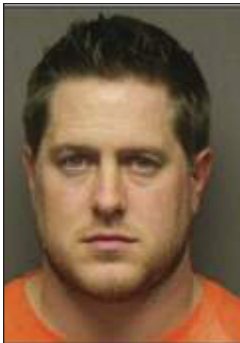
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A suspect in the murder of a Northwest student appeared in court Tuesday to set a date for a preliminary hearing.

Kevin Mooney, 31, of Bethany awaits a preliminary hearing Dec. 4 at the Nodaway County Courthouse. Mooney and Tony Overlin, 23, of Bethany both face second degree murder charges and first degree assault charges after an altercation that caused the death of Tomarken Smith Sept. 14.

Overlin's hearing, scheduled for Oct. 16, was canceled after his attorney, Public Defender Richard Euler, motioned for a change of judge that was sustained. Associate Circuit Judge William S. Richards was assigned to the case. Overlin awaits a



TONY M. OVERLIN



KEVIN D. MOONEY

Nov. 2 docket call to set a date for his preliminary hearing. He remains in custody in the Nodaway County jail.

Mooney posted bond Sept. 20 and was released from custody. He is represented by John Patrick O'Connor of Wagstaff & Cartmell, LLP of Kansas City. Judge Glen

Alan Dietrich is presiding over the case.

Both parties' attorneys declined to comment on their respective cases.

No new information has come from the criminal investigation, said Keith Wood, Maryville public safety director.

Students unaware of entertainment catalog available at campus library

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The B.D. Owens Library offers scholarly exploration, but it also aims to provide personal enrichment.

Students in the library do not seem to take much interest in the "best-selling" section of the library nor do they realize best-selling novels and movies are available to them.

Kathy Hart, assistant director of library services said this section of the library has only developed in the last two years. The purpose of a library, university wise, is largely academic support, but the library has allocated

a small portion of its budget toward popular reading and movies.

The popular reading selection consists of books on the "New York Times" best-sellers list for two consecutive weeks, fiction and nonfiction. Movies that are available are going to be mostly award-winning movies. Hart said anything that is nominated for best picture at the Academy Awards will be in the selection, along with other films highly praised at the American Film Institute, People's Choice Awards, Festival de Cannes, and the Sundance Film Festival.

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Alcohol-related violations increase in residence halls

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Northwest residence halls have seen an increase in alcohol-related violations this semester.

Fall semester is known for having a higher amount of problems related to alcohol than the rest of the year, but the increased violations have Residential Life staff concerned, Scott Shields, coordinator of Residential Life operations, said.

“The number of alcohol and drug cases are pretty through the

roof right now,” Shields said. “Last year we only had 94 students for the whole year involved with alcohol somehow, and if you break it down, we have more than doubled that.”

Since the beginning of fall classes, 103 students have been documented for alcohol. When a student is documented for alcohol, it could mean they are clearly intoxicated or are in possession of alcohol.

“I don’t know what the cause is, but I can document a change. The numbers we cited last year were heavily weighted toward freshmen,

and this year the upperclassmen are blowing the freshmen out of the water,” Shields said.

There have been 74 students in upperclassmen halls documented on alcohol or drug charges while there have only been 49 students documented in the freshman halls.

“In the upperclassmen buildings, there have only been eight incidents, but a lot more students involved. We are seeing the larger-scale parties where you are dealing with 10 or more students in a room,” Kori Hoffmann, Residential Life student conduct and develop-

ment coordinator, said. “When you have these larger number of students, then it gets even more dangerous because you’re involving a lot of people in a small area with alcohol.”

Students who are worried about the safety of someone who is intoxicated are encouraged to call University Police.

“We have a policy; if we’re called for alcohol or an intoxicated student, they must be able to walk and talk. If they can not do those things, they will have to be medically transported,” said Hoffman.

During the fall of 2011 there were only 3 alcohol transports with a total of 13 alcohol transports during the 2011-2012 school year. By the start this September there has had already been six transports, Hoffman said.

Students who are documented are not always found responsible. Charges are only filed if Residential Life feels that they have a strong case, Shields said.

“It has really got us concerned and there is increasing worry about something bad happening as a result of this,” Shields said.

Campus to see musical comedy group

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As part of the Encore Series at Northwest, Water Coolers perform 7:30 p.m. Oct. 18th in the Mary Linn Auditorium.

The Office of Campus Activities supports a unique and diversified list of activities and events, including the Encore Series. The theme of this year’s season is “Discover the Arts,” and is comprised of six performances.

Director of Campus Activities Angel McAdams Prescott said the Campus Activities Reflection Committee learned of The Water Coolers from their agent at East Coast Entertainment. The committee watched clips of the group and thought they were hilarious.

“If you like ‘The Office,’ then you will like this show,” Prescott said.

The Water Coolers are an award-winning musical comedy group. The name “Water Coolers” comes from the musical, a show about the things we share around the water coolers of America every day – life, work, kids, husbands, wives, travel, technology – and trying to balance it all.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

As part of the Encore Series put on by the Office of Campus Activities, the musical comedy group, The Water Coolers, is performing at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 18.

The Water Coolers takes the concept from the famous “Cheers” theme song, “Sometimes you wanna go where everybody knows your name,” and adds comedy, original music and parodies to celebrate the insanity of everyday life. The group

Student group to provide platform for student art

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A new organization for students who have a love for performance arts received recognition from Student Senate last week.

Project Xpression provides a platform for student performers via open mic events and jam sessions.

Freshmen Kamle Morgan and Jhaylen Brown are co-presidents of the organization.

“We plan to provide a platform for free and positive expression through the arts, both fine and performing, with the hope of harboring and inciting personal growth and promoting social diversity,” Brown said.

The group is open to all students. At the beginning of next semester there will be a \$15 fee, and for the 2013-2014 academic year there will be a \$20 fee.

The first meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Consecutive meetings will be held at this time every week with a location to be an-

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nounced.

There are already six students signed up to be in Project Xpression and they hope more will join the new and growing organization.

“I decided to join Project Xpression because of the inspiration of how the organization came to be,” freshman Jessica Sanders said. “I also joined to be a part of something that drew people together without friction or animosity.

Also because it allows individuals to express the way they feel without the fear of judgment from their peers, and it encourages individuality and unity.”

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11 a.m. at Papichulo's

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1p.m.atNodawayCountyHistoricalMuseum

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The mural located at the intersection of Third and Main street was painted in 2005 by Kelly Poling. The mural is 35 feet by 100 feet.

Notable people in local mural

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Dale Carnegie, Sarah Caldwell, Homer Croy and Mary Graham all have two things in common: they are notable people from Maryville, and they share a mural.

This mural, painted in 2005 by Kelly Poling, 51, sits on the intersection of Third and Main streets.

“My first thought was that it was really well done and had amazing detail,” freshman Nate Matt said. “It almost looks like it could have been Maryville years ago, and it is something that could be there for a long time.”

Three of the famous people from Maryville in the mural dedicated

their careers to the English language. Carnegie wrote “How to Win Friends and Influence People,” Sarah Caldwell was an opera conductor and Homer Croy was a screenwriter. Most notably, Poling chose Mary Graham, wife of politician Amos Graham, because the city is named after her.

“(The Nodaway County Historical Society) came up with what they wanted in the mural, and I just came up with a design for it,” Poling said.

The mural on Third and Main, which stands at 35 feet by 100 feet, is not Poling’s largest mural.

Poling is currently working in Clarinda, Iowa where he “will be redoing the theme of a 1930s opera house that used to be there.”

In the mural, which he started in September, he will feature a recreation of the former Hawley Opera House with people on the outside balcony enjoying an old performance. The Clarinda mural will be Poling’s 28th in 12 years. He originally got his start long before college.

“I had a baby book full of art-work because I would get sent to my room a lot when I was a child,” Poling said. “I really got my first start in the second grade when my watercolor paintings were picked for the art gallery in Omaha.”

Compared to other muralists, he charges a reasonable price per mural, which depends on the design and size of the mural.

Forum scheduled for end of month

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Maryville Citizens for Community Action will host a candidate forum Oct. 25 to give community members the opportunity to meet some 2012 election candidates.

State and local candidates running for public office have been invited by the MCCA to attend the candidate forum held at 7 p.m. in the Nodaway County Courthouse.

“Our motivation is to provide the community with a chance to meet the candidates that are running for office; also, it is an opportunity for them to ask questions,” said Luke Reven, chairman of the MCAA.

The forum will allow candidates to discuss issues on the ballot, such as Propositions A, B and E.

If passed, Prop. A will allow the city of St. Louis to have a municipal, government-run police force. The St. Louis police force is under control of a commission

appointed by the governor.

Prop. B will place a tax on all smoke tobacco products which will go to fund education. Also on the ballot, Prop. E will prohibit the government from establishing state-based insurance exchanges, such as ObamaCare.

“This one would prohibit the states from doing it unless the legislature approves; it stops the governor from establishing one,” Richard Fulton, political science professor, said.

Local candidates invited to attend the forum will include the north and south district commissioner, sheriff, assessor, treasurer, county administrator, coroner, surveyor, district one state representative and circuit four circuit judge.

“We want to focus on candidates who are running for local office that aren’t on television and don’t get that exposure that national office does,” Fulton said.

Rex L. Wallace, assessor; Marilyn K. Jenkins, treasurer; Vincent

L. Shelby, coroner; Troy Hayes, surveyor; Mike Thomson, district 1 state representative and Roger M. Prokes will all be running for their current positions unopposed.

The candidates for south district commissioner are incumbent Bob Westfall and David M. Smith. Bob Stiens will also try to keep his position as north district commissioner against candidate Ron Wilson.

Incumbent Diane Thomsen and candidate W. Lewis Rice will be on the ballot for county administrator. The sheriff’s position is held by Darren White. Michael Galbraith is challenging White during this year’s election.

A final list of candidates in attendance will be gathered once all the RSVPs have been collected by the MCCA.

“Citizens, they should be voting,” Fulton said. “Understand what is on the ballot and having some information about those running for office is important.”

Mozingo Lake set to host fall events over weekend

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Mozingo Lake is going to be busy with fall festivities Saturday with events beginning at 7:30 a.m.

The Fall Fun Run at the Mozingo Lake Golf Course will kick off the day’s events with a 5K and a 10K walk/run and end with a haunted campground and trick-or-treating.

“Campers in the campgrounds will all decorate their campsites, and campers will dress up in costumes, and they will have a judging for that,” said Grant Evans, Mozingo Lake manager. “The trick-or-treating will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. All the kids from the surrounding communities come out and trick-or-treat in the campground.”

A bean bag toss will be held at 10 a.m. with pumpkin chucking following at 1 p.m.

A pumpkin carving contest will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. with the best carved pumpkin taking home

a prize. There will be pumpkins for sale during the event. Face painting will also be available beginning at 4 p.m.

Mozingo Lake has been hosting the fall events for seven or eight years; last year they estimated there were 900 children in attendance.

“It is a great tradition, and the community really takes pride in the unique event,” Assistant City Manager Ryan Heiland said.

In the future, Mozingo hopes to produce more community events and also encourage involvement from college students.

“I think that Mozingo is a great facility, and there are a lot of fun activities here throughout the year. I am not sure the community is aware of all that is actually here, so the more things we can have with community involvement, the better off we are,” Evans said.



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Methamphetamines remain constant issue in Missouri communities, households

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Editor's Note: Because of the sensitive and severe nature of this subject matter, the names of the people who told their stories have been changed to protect their identity and livelihood.

"From the second you do it, it's all that's on your mind—when will you get that next high?"

Tim Walker has used methamphetamine. He describes the high as irresistible at times. It takes over the body, inducing the feeling of invincibility. It exploits the senses of body and mind, making that exact moment the most important moment of a lifetime.

"It's like all you're focused on is exceeding the limit you just hit," Walker said. "When you're on it, you're a completely different person. You want more of it, and you'll do anything to get more of it."

Methamphetamine, or meth, for short, is arguably the most addictive and dangerous drug on this planet. Cheaper to create and longer lasting than cocaine, meth gives its user the sensation of increased wakefulness and alertness. This comes at the price of destroying both internal and external bodily functions, such as the heart and teeth, according to the National Institute of Drug Abuse. This drug is available right in your backyard.

In the state of Missouri alone, there have been 1,250 meth laboratory busts in 2012 as of July, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. This number is on pace to match and potentially pass last year's number of 2,096

busts.

When these houses are evacuated and destroyed, so are the lives of the family that lives within them. Tom Beck was raised in a home where his parent's abused meth day and night, until one night nine years ago, when everything changed.

"My little brother opened the front door to a full tactical force outside the door," Beck said. "They battery rammed the basement door, took everyone out, arrested and charged them."

Beck's father quit cold turkey while his mother went into a 30-day program. They have been clean ever since.

"It's like once you are so fully taken by a substance, there is nothing you can do about it," Beck said. "It takes an act of God to pull you from what you were doing."

The tribulation that followed in school is more than any seventh grader wants to face.

"It was outright hell," Beck said. "Kids are going to pick on you no matter what, but when you throw gasoline on a fire, it just gets ridiculous. They called me meth baby and drug kid, saying things like your parents must not give two shits about you because they do drugs."

Jim Shroba, Drug Enforcement Administration special agent, claims the labs are dan-

gerous and hazardous to any community. It takes specialists to clean the waste involved with these labs, a very costly investment by the government.

"It's the human costs," Shroba said. "There are children involved. These children have to go to social services, so they can be cared for. It's destructive on so many levels."

Nodaway County battles every single day to keep meth out of a community that finds itself infected with the toxic substance. Sherriff Darren White is not blind to the issue.

"It's as a big of a problem in Northwest Missouri as it is anywhere," White said, bluntly. "Meth is a widespread problem that has been with us for a long time."

White wants to fight to continue to keep this drug out of the community. He said there are over 30 people awaiting federal drug charges from Nodaway County alone.

"It's one of those things that's never going to go away, but if you go at it with the attitude of 'it's never going to go away, so why even try?' that's when it's going to take over and win," White said. "We just keep fighting it every day."

Shroba also understands the difficulties with keeping this substance out of communities such as Maryville.

"There's going to be no magic bullet that is going to solve our narcotics addiction in this community," Shroba said, assertively. "We have to do what we can to make our communities as safe as possible."

Meth addicts live their life in a spiral. The constant ups and downs thrash through the addicts mind and body, making the person edgy and potentially dangerous. Walker speaks about his time using the drug, which climaxed at roughly 10 uses before he sought help from family and friends.

"When you run out, the feeling of coming down is terrible," Walker said. "It's like all you can think is, 'when am I going to score again?' You'll do whatever it takes to get more of it. When I came down, I was drained, and I would just start crying out of nowhere. It was the strangest feeling ever. I was up for two days straight and lost all grasp of reality."

Walker has had many friends who have been driven farther into the ground than he ever was, friends who would resort to stealing from others friends to get a high.

"A lot of people get into it because they feel like they have nothing better to do with their time, especially in the small towns," Walker said. "Minutes turn into hours super quick when you're on that shit."

Lisa Doyle, founder of St. Joseph-based rehabilitation clinic Addiction Awareness believes treatment can take place with addicts, but it is not an easy road to travel. Long-time meth use burns much of the dopamine sensations released in the brain, such as when eating a favorite food or laughing at a good joke. The drug overstimulates the sensations until the brain simply cannot produce dopamine at all.

"It takes time for the brain to heal, so they can experience pleasure again," Doyle said. "Using the drug truly depleted their brain's ability to receive any pleasure."

Walker shook the drug by will power and the reality that sets in with sobriety.

"I've told myself I won't do it again," Walker said. "It's such a freakin' dirty drug. The low, the sobriety-it makes you feel so dirty, so unwanted."

There can be a light at the end of the tunnel. Beck's family is closer to one another and 100 percent clean because of the incident.

"I'm different from this, but my family is closer than ever," Beck said, happily. "We are so blessed to remain a family through this. We are a happy family. We were stronger than this, that's what needs to be understood. Everyone is on the right track now, and I wouldn't have it any other way."

"It's such a freakin' dirty drug. The low, the sobriety-it makes you feel so dirty, so unwanted."

Tim Walker

"When I came down, I was drained, and I would just start crying out of nowhere... I was up for two days straight and lost all grasp of reality."

Tim Walker

Methamphetamine can be induced though snorting, shooting, smoking and eating.

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SPIKE OUT CANCER



Juniors Selina Talmadge and Kelsey Spire sell raffle tickets for “Spike Out Cancer” Oct. 15 at Maryville High School’s volleyball game. The event was held in honor of MHS junior Sarah Henggeler’s father, who was diagnosed with cancer in August.

TAX

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states on its website that Missouri has the 11th highest smoking rate in the country, and that the state spends \$2.13 billion on health care costs directly related to smoking.

Money generated from the tax would be divided into three areas: 50 percent would go to Missouri’s elementary and secondary education institutions, 30 percent would be designated to higher education within the state and 20 percent would go to prevention and cessation programs for smokers.

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education offered its support to Prop. B. In a press release, the State Board of Education cited funding and the health of students as their motivation for support.

“In addition to the positive impact these dollars would have on public education, the tax would also make tobacco less affordable and less accessible for young people, and hopefully, decrease the likelihood of them starting to use tobacco products,” said Peter Herschend, DESE board president.

The Maryville R-II School District also backs the initiative. Superintendent Larry Linthicum said he hopes the new tax will help deter teenagers from smoking.

Nineteen percent of Missouri high school students smoke and 8,600 teenagers pick up the habit each year, according to Show-Me A Brighter Future. The organization projects that 40,100 Missouri teenagers will not become addicted

adult smokers if the initiative is passed.

“I’m in the business of educating kids, and we want to help them be productive members of society,” Linthicum said. “One thing that we want to do is to reduce the number of kids that are smoking.”

Linthicum said the funding also plays a part. If passed, he said the school district would receive between \$221 million and \$331 million yearly from the tax, based on recent estimates.

“With the reduction in state funding that we’ve received over the years, it does help us financially,” Linthicum said.

Administrators at Northwest said as of right now, they have no preference on the tax increase and will not until an estimate of funds is given to the University.

The Missouri Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association launched a campaign in opposition. MPCA Executive Director Ron Leone said he thinks the initiative would put Missouri at a competitive disadvantage with its bordering states.

“We are opposed to it for many reasons. First and foremost it is an outrageous and unfair 760 percent tax increase that will hurt consumers; it will force small businesses to close,” Leone said. “Ultimately, it will end up generating less sales tax revenue for state and local coffers that all tax payers, smokers and non-smokers alike, will have to fill in every single year for decades to come.”

The MPCA hired Joseph Haslag, an economist from the University of Missouri - Columbia, to conduct

a study on the projected outcome of the tax. According to the study, if Prop. B passes, Missouri would sell 157 million fewer packs of cigarettes yearly, which would mean sales tax and other state and local taxes would decrease by \$67 million annually.

Misty Snodgrass, government affairs director for the ACS, said in a recent press release that she believes the tobacco industry’s analysis is “fatally flawed.”

“Mr. Leone’s ‘economic analysis’ of Proposition B was paid for by the tobacco industry, the same folks that for decades have lied to the public by telling them that cigarettes aren’t addictive,” Snodgrass said. “Leone and his tobacco industry allies are once again attempting to mislead voters and using scare tactics to protect their ability to sell a deadly, addictive product cheaper than anywhere in the country.”

Leone said he is not opposed to an increase on the cigarette tax, but is against one as extreme as Prop. B.

“We have publicly supported a 100 percent tax increase, but a 760 percent tax is dangerous for Missouri,” Leone said. “There’s a lot of people out there who are trying to control the freedoms and decisions we make, and they are trying to do it by unreasonable and outrageous measures.”

This is not the first time tobacco tax increases have been put in the hands of citizens. In 2002 and 2006, voters rejected measures to increase the tax.

For a full text of the proposed initiative, visit nwmissourinews.com.

BAND

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performers from around the country and gives them the opportunity to work with a team of nationally renowned marching band directors.

Puche and Salcedo are on their way to a week long opportunity to work with the biggest names in marching bands. These directors include Ken Dye, director of bands and professor of music at the University of Notre Dame, Jim Hudson of Arizona State University, and Barry W. Bernhardt of Florida International University. The students’ time there will culminate in not one, but two performances on the biggest stage in college football, according to the All-Star Invitational website.

When the students found out they had been accepted, they said they were extremely excited.

“We got an email,” Puche said. “My mom has a video of my reaction. It’s pretty awesome. We’ll be staying in the Hilton Hotel.”

Salcedo was also happy, but said he did not express his enthusiasm like Puche.

“I was pretty excited,” he said. “But I wasn’t jumping around and screaming.”

Both juniors are actively involved in school outside of the band. Puche plays volleyball and runs track and field during the spring. Salcedo plays tennis.

The reality that they will be playing in front of more than 80,000 people has not sunk in yet.

“I’m not nervous yet,” Salcedo said laughing.

While in Miami, the students will not just receive what promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime musical experience. They will meet previous all stars and see sights such as Dania Beach.

LIBRARY

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“Unfortunately, we do not have the budget to go back and collect things that we have missed from past years,” Hart said. “We do try to maximize our spending budget, even if that means finding lower cost on Amazon.”

Hart said often she will have students rent three or five movies and tell her they did not even know they had movies. Junior Rachel Parsons said she was not aware the library offered movie rentals.

“I had no idea,” Parsons said. “I know you can rent projectors and stuff like that, but I will have to check out the movie selection because I only brought like five movies to school.”

Senior Riley Beans said she was aware of the options but unfortunately, never makes use of it.

“If I had more free time, I certainly would,” Beans said. “Due to my busy theater schedule, I don’t have the time. It is definitely something I have thought about doing in the past but couldn’t ever really do.”

Any gaps in the collection can be filled using the MOBIUS catalog. MOBIUS is a source linking over 65 Missouri libraries. Students can request any available books or movies to be shipped to Owens Library for pick up.

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October 10
A musical instrument that was reported stolen was recovered at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of fraud at the 200 block of East Third Street.

Derek R. Peterson, 22, Maryville, Mo., was charged with displaying the plates of another vehicle and possession of an open title at the 900 block of South Main Street.

Michael D. Kerr, 21, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while

suspended and improper registration at the 500 block of West First Street.

October 9
There is an ongoing investigation of disorderly conduct at the 200 block of West 12th Street.

Dawn M. Point, 19, St. Joseph, Mo., was involved in a motor vehicle accident with Garrett A. Rauch, 19, Graham, Mo., at the corner of West Fifth Street and North Main.

October 8
Alisha J. Lawrence, 23, Maryville, Mo., was charged with failure to maintain

financial responsibility and displaying the plates of another vehicle at the 900 block of North Main Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 500 block of West Eighth Street.

October 7
Meghan E. Klaas, 17, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 100 block of North Buchanan.

There is an ongoing investigation of illegal dumping on the 3000 block of East First Street.

Edward L. Oster, 20, Maryville, Mo., and Hillari J. Messer, 22, Maryville, Mo., were involved in a motor vehicle accident on the corner of West Ninth Street and North Walnut.

October 6
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 1400 block of E Third Street.

October 3
Patric E. White, 18, Blue Springs, Mo., was charged with improper registration at the 2000 block of South Main Street.

Derrick D. Vore, 17, Maryville, Mo., and Steven A. Spire, 24, Ravenwood, Mo., were involved in a motor vehicle accident at the 1000 block of E First Street.

September 30
Carl J. Blomquist, 19, Independence, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 400 block of North Buchanan.

September 29
Melissa A. Kerr, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with a minor in possession at the 300 block of North Market.

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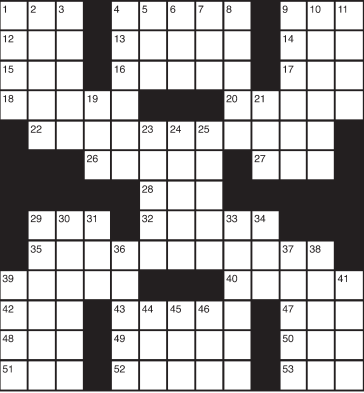
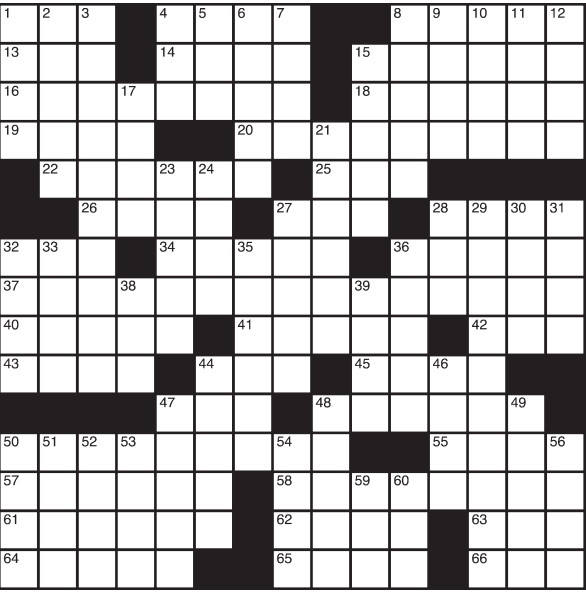
Across

- 1 Scottish hat
4 Cries out loud
8 Dull sound
13 Wharton's "The ___ of Innocence"
14 Summer Olympics event venue
15 Covering for "piggies"
16 Big stink
18 Stored in a database, say
19 Rural storage structure
20 Amateurish dive
22 Opposite of a big star
25 "___ a trap!"
26 "The Ballad of John and ___"
27 Men
28 Bearded flower
32 Barely get, with "out"
34 Add chip to the pot
36 Maine college town
37 Bearded fairy trio
40 Cartographer's book
41 Oven setting
42 Word in most Commandments
43 Finger-on-hot-stove reaction
44 Sinister
45 Neuter, as a horse
47 Seasonal potable
48 Stand the test of time
50 Mumbai-based film industry
55 Protected inlet
57 Camden Yards ballplayer
58 Hired hoodlum
61 Long-lasting resentment
62 Frozen drink brand
63 Outlaw Clanton
64 Gather a bit at a time
65 Student's book

66 Composer Rorem


Down

- 1 Settings for columned documents
2 From the top
3 Mountain Dew competitor
4 Undercover agent
5 "___ la la!"
6 Word with hatch or prize
7 Gin fizz fruit
8 Broadway awards
9 "The Tao of Pooh" author Benjamin
10 Either of two Monopoly sqs.
11 Venus de ___
12 Little chirp
15 Makes a mad dash
17 Western wolf
21 Wasn't honest
23 Thumbs-up
24 Second of two bell sounds
27 Caught wind of
28 Outlet store abbr.
29 Tournament in which you play everyone else at least once
30 Facts, briefly
31 Tender-hearted
32 Site for cyberbidders
33 Flier on a string
35 Trinidad's partner
36 Made goo-goo eyes at
38 Murphy's ___
39 Communicate with hand gestures
44 Leafy hideaway
46 Charlie Brown's tormentor
47 Hosiery material



Answers for the Oct 11 issue.

- 48 Draw forth
49 Bring to mind
50 Tennis great Bjorn
51 Like some doctorate seekers' exams
52 Queue
53 "Livin' La Vida ___":
Ricky Martin hit
54 "In memoriam" write-up
56 Viewed
59 Superman nemesis
Luthor
60 Allow



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	3	4					8	1
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6					4	2		
5				2				

Answers for the Oct 11 issue.

Medium

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6	8	3	4	7	5	2	9	1
1	5	7	9	2	8	4	3	6
8	7	9	3	6	2	1	5	4
3	1	2	5	9	4	6	7	8
5	4	6	1	8	7	9	2	3

Medium

2	3	5	8	1	6	7	4	9
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9	2	4	6	3	1	5	8	7
6	8	3	4	7	5	2	9	1
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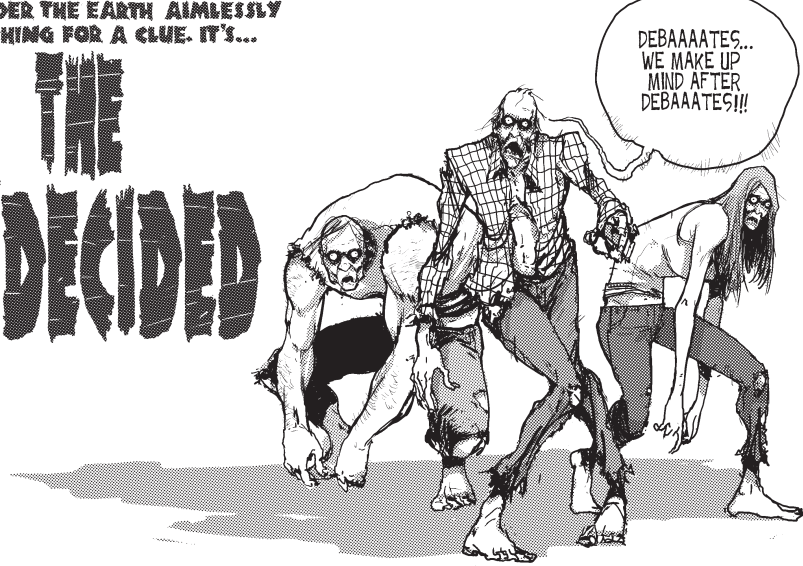
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Today's Birthday (10/18/12). Gain new power around money and values this year, as you realize that you don't need as much as you thought. Focus on expanding skills, passions and talents by soaking up educational experience through travel, communication and the arts. Level up significantly this year. Celebrate!

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Check the big picture for the next few days, and take a leap into the next adventure. You don't want to regret not having followed your heart. Resist the urge to splurge.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 5 --

Too many circumstances threaten to get in the way, but you find inspiration and rise to the occasion. Balance idealism with realism. Costs may end up higher than expected.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Play well with others, compromise, and win on many levels. Previous plans come to fruition. Intuition illuminates career matters. Check and double-check the data. Accept an unusual request.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Focus on work to tie up loose ends. Your energy may be scattered, so direct it toward priorities. Plan an outing.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Romance, games and relaxation take priority. But continue to build your reserves and remain flexible. You have what you need. Dreams reveal a major change.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- You're entering a two-day domestic phase. Put a plan on paper to save time. You're getting impatient to start. Don't try it alone. A friend can put you in touch with the perfect partner.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Manage all that's possible, and then some, with some help from innovations. There's

no time to complain, and it wouldn't do you any good anyway. Adapt with grace.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Scratch out the things you can't afford, or that you're never going to complete. Romance is a definite possibility ... full speed ahead. Go for what you want most.

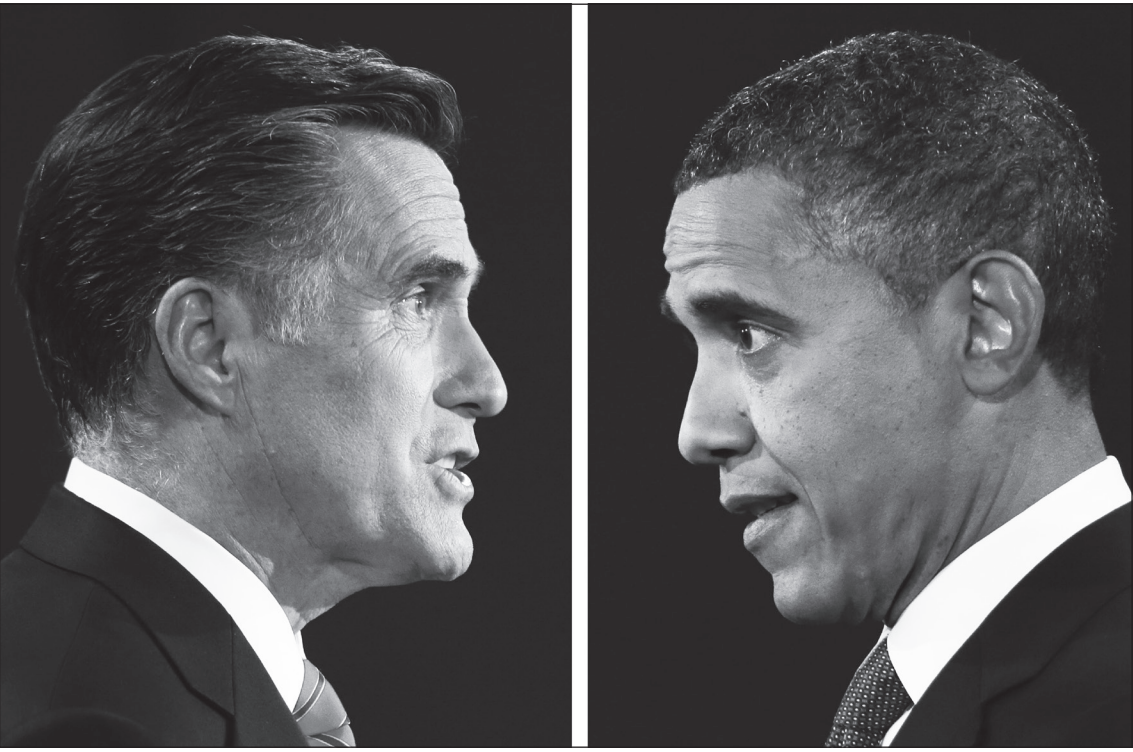
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- You get a head start, thanks to your focus and determination. Use your power for good. Give up something you don't need and surge forward.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 5

-- You're under pressure with deadlines for the next few days. Big spending is not the correct answer. Let partners do the heavy lifting. Stay rested, and it flows.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- What you've learned comes in very handy during the temporary confusion. Listen carefully to one who doesn't say much. Friends really help over the next few days.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Expect more from others and yourself. It's not time to be slacking off ... every moment counts. Change the itinerary as needed. Do the job you've been thinking about.



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In this Oct. 3, 2012, file photo combo, Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama speak during their first presidential debate at the University of Denver, Colo.

Obama headed for second term



CODY UHING
Opinion Editor

With the election around the corner, many people are starting to research candidates. At the same time, candidates have begun courting certain groups of people, including college students, with an increasing fervor.

The most important thing we can all do is be well informed on whom we are voting for. Whether you support President Obama or not, there are certain truths that seem to get lost in the political bickering. It is no secret that I am a Democrat, nor is it a secret that I support President Obama, and this motivates me to point out the highlights of the president's time in office.

Since taking office in Jan. 2009, President Obama has been a champion for the individuals. In his first days in office, he signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, instituting equal pay for women. He has repealed "Don't Ask, Don't Tell", a law that prohibited military officials from being openly gay while serving. Not only has he championed individual rights, he has also worked to

make the world a safer place for everyone.

He promised an end to the war in Iraq and established a date for transferring fighting in Afghanistan to the Afghani forces. Troops are already being pulled out of both countries. We witnessed an Arab Spring and are now seeing an increase in Democracy in countries once ruled by tyrannical dictators.

President Obama has also overseen the killing of many top al-Qaeda officials, including Osama bin Laden. He has also attempted to protect our borders, hiring more patrol agents and deporting more illegal immigrants than President Bush did in his eight years in office.

Most importantly, President Obama has restarted our economy in the direction it should be going. His administration made sure the banks that were bailed out paid back the amount they were given with interest, and he saved the world from a global financial collapse. Not only were the banks pulled back from the edge, but the auto industry was also saved by his administration's policies.

With health care reform he was able to ensure millions of uninsured people would get basic coverage, cut out fraud in the health care system and allow students under the age of

26 to stay on their parents' plans. While all this sounds great, the Affordable Care Act does not become fully functional until 2014, and if President Obama does not win a second term, there is a real threat that it could be repealed.

If the law is repealed it would be catastrophic to the industry. The law has been instrumental in cutting out the fraud and waste in the system. It requires insurance companies to pay customers if they do not follow certain parts of the law, it prohibits companies from denying coverage based on age or pre-existing conditions.

There are many arguments for and against re-electing President Obama. It is ridiculous to not vote for him because he has not gotten us back to 100 percent after eight years of a Bush presidency. It has been four short years, two of which were spent fighting against a Republican House of Representatives.

No matter whom you decide to vote for, make sure you know the facts about the candidate. Look for the candidate who will help you and endorses programs that help you. When you make your choice, look for the man who understands you and your struggles, not one who pretends to know and does not care.

OUR VIEW: Beat the cigarette tax, buy new brand

The fact that it is a major election season has not slipped by anyone. Everyone is being bombarded by campaign ads, from the presidential race to the Missouri senatorial race. However, there is one thing that has not been publicized as much in the northwest part of the state that will be on the ballot this election.

Missouri residents will have a spot on their ballot this November for Proposition B. Prop. B is a ballot initiative designed to raise taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products. The proposed tax increase would raise the tax on cigarettes by 73 cents.

Northwest Student Senate recently passed a resolution supporting the proposition, and the

staff at "The Missourian" feels the same way. If the ballot measure was voted into effect, it would bring in an estimated \$223 million in revenue for the state.

Of that \$223 million, almost \$84 million would be diverted to higher education annually. What does that mean for us? Lower tuition. With recent budget cuts and future ones on the horizon, more money being funneled into education is good news for students.

The rest of the revenue from the increased tax would be for prevention and cessation programs and elementary and secondary education classrooms. Missouri has the lowest tobacco taxes in the country. Already at a shockingly low 17 cents, the tax increase would

only raise it to 90 cents, well below the national and area average.

Other benefits include a decline in adult smokers, a reduction in kids becoming smokers, fewer premature deaths from smoking-related causes and \$1.37 billion in long-term health savings from a decline in smoking, according to a website supporting the tax.

While it is understandable that many are opposed to a tax increase, we are still paying less per cigarette than many states around us, and the revenues go to higher education. This new tax is not meant to be a burden but rather a stimulus to a stumbling sector in our state budget. Our advice: quit smoking or smoke cheaper cigarettes.

Romney seeks highest office on past business experience

ROBERT AMSDEN
Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

Gov. Mitt Romney should be elected as the next president of the United States. Romney's political and private experience makes him the ideal candidate to solve many of the problems facing the United States today. With his experience in the private sector and his successes as governor of Massachusetts, electing Romney as president in the coming election is the best chance of kick-starting the economic recovery and finding a solution to the jobs crisis.

Compared to his opponent, Romney has tenfold more experience in the private sector. Romney's wealth is a not a factor that separates him from the American people, but an indication of his ability to do what is necessary to succeed in business. This experience is what the American economy needs to turn around. Romney is capable of making the hard choices and cutting unnecessary spending, such as the excessive funding to the Public Broadcasting Service and the failing green companies such as Solyndra.

President Obama wants to throw more taxpayer money at failing businesses and stick with his Keynesian economics that have slowed the recovery and created an environment hostile to small busi-

nesses. Mitt Romney recognizes that injecting more public funds into the economy only hurts the recovery effort, and the only way to grow the economy is to allow small businesses to build by decreasing taxes and regulations. Under the Obama administration, over \$38 billion dollars have been lost by the private sector because of newly imposed regulations, and with another 2,785 new regulations coming up the pipeline; the costs could be devastating to the private sector.

Romney advocates for deregulation. His plans to deregulate the domestic oil industry would create thousands of jobs and greatly reduce our dependence on foreign oil. Last week gas prices in California reached \$5.17 because the only drill station allowed on the coast experienced a power loss and had temporarily reduced output. Mitt Romney wants to allow more drill stations to operate on the coast so this can never happen again; he recognizes the inherent ecological dangers of doing so, but knows that the risk is minimal and the benefit can be exponential.

Four more years under the Obama administration would be disastrous for small businesses and the American economy. Mitt Romney's plan for our country will put us back on track and renew America.

New health care law becomes less frightening than before



CODY UHING
Opinion Editor

On Oct. 10 Jay Angoff, senior advisor for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, spoke at Northwest as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series with a presentation on the Affordable Care Act. Angoff was here to speak on the truths behind "Obamacare" and answer questions from those concerned by the bill.

The beginning of the presentation was focused on the goals of the bill. Angoff pointed out that the United States is not on top in the world in providing health care, and the Affordable Care Act aims to fix that. The three major goals of the bill are to expand coverage to 50 million uninsured people, reduce costs by bringing more people into the program and improve the quality of health care.

To expand coverage to those millions of uninsured Americans, the law sets up exchanges. An exchange is a glorified website designed to allow people to shop for cheaper health insurance online. It creates a system for everyone to know prices and forces companies to compete for customers, according to Angoff. For

those unable to afford health care, the law provides subsidies that lower the cost.

Understanding how insurance works is an important aspect in knowing how the Affordable Care Act will reduce costs. The more people brought into an insurance program, the lower the cost is for everyone. Not only is cost driven by the number of insurance recipients, it is also driven by competition. The aforementioned exchanges would push down prices as companies fight for business, just like any other market.

The Affordable Care Act also ensures that private insurance companies are offering the best they can. The law denies insurance companies the ability to decline coverage based on health status and age. The singular health question asked when looking for insurance is whether or not the recipient is a smoker. This is the only health situation that companies can justify charging more for insurance.

The presentation as a whole was incredibly informative. After the presentation, the idea of health care reform was much less scary. Angoff pointed out the facts on how it would be paid for, and that the Congressional Budget Office found that it would pay for itself and work toward reducing the deficit.

CAMPUS TALK

How do you feel about the proposed tobacco tax in Missouri?



<p>"I think it would be beneficial for Missouri to raise it to get on par with other states, and it goes to positive things."</p> <p>Bryce Keber Senior Physical Education</p>	<p>"Honestly it doesn't matter either way, yes a lot of it goes to education but people are going to smoke one way or the other."</p> <p>Philicia McClain Freshman Special Education</p>	<p>"I think it depends on what other states are at. But that is a very big jump so maybe not that much of an increase."</p> <p>Rachel Williams Sophomore Pre-professional Zoology</p>	<p>"Personally I think it is a good idea, especially if it goes toward higher education."</p> <p>Sean Bartlow Freshman Chemistry</p>	<p>"I don't like it because I will have to pay more for cigarettes, but it will be a good incentive for those to quit smoking."</p> <p>Trinity Best Freshman Pre-professional Chiropractic</p>
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Deadmau5 drops the beat on new album



Deadmau5's ">album title goes here<" delivers a record that will satisfy fans of electronic music both old and new. Deadmau5 takes his brand of slick and glamorous dance music to the next level of listening sensations with his latest record.

The DJ uses the three minutes of the opening track, "Superliminal," to build anticipation for the rest of the album. The track contains hard-hitting bass cuts that build intensity as the measures continue. It is a great track that sets the pace for the entire record.

The listener can also find traditional and reliable dance hits on the record, such as the track "Channel 42," which delivers Daft Punk-esque hooks. The track keeps the inten-

sity up without incorporating too much bass into the mix, something a listener would find in more dubstep-based electronic music, such as Grammy-winning DJ Skrillex.

Unlike others, such as Skrillex and Bassnecter, who have diverted to the more raw and dirty sounds of dubstep, Deadmau5 stays very authentically danced based in his mixes. This is a sound the Toronto DJ has coined in his tenure in the electronic music industry. For example, in the nine-minute effort "Fn Pig," Deadmau5 creates an aural environment of electronic bliss that competitors only wish to imitate. The track is slow and reflective when need be and hits hard at the perfect time, always keeping the listener on his toes.

Deadmau5 experienced rock-star collaborations on ">album title goes here<," such as My Chemical Romance's Gerard Way, Cypress Hill and fellow DJ Wolfgang Gartner. The highly anticipated track featur-

ing Way, "Professional Griefers," is an energized and catchy hit containing a truly satisfying collaboration mixing the rash vocals of Way and the smooth beats of Deadmau5. The chorus jolts a catchy chant of, "Give me the sound to see another world outside that's full of all the broken things that I made."

Overall, ">album title goes here<" is a great dance record that establishes why Deadmau5 has had such great commercial success in his career as a DJ.

Artist: Deadmau5

Album: ">album title goes here<"

Release Date: 9.25.2012

Record Label: mau5trap, Ultra Records

THE STROLLER: Your Man wants the library to himself

This one's for you, Library Tough Guy. I see you cavorting around the stacks with your "Don Quixote" and "New Yorker" like some kind of bourgeoisie boob who sports jorts and reads Keats. But let me show how little you know about the library, you hipster trash.

You prance around the first floor like you own the library. You might impress the people on those big gaudy leather sofas reserved for people waiting for the rest of their group to get there ("Should I text her? Is she on her way? She said she was on her way.") for the ubiquitous class project. Look at the soulless gaze in their eyes. They can't wait to leave the library and return to their futon-festooned hovels for some peace and COD. While they wait, they watch all the silly freshmen moronically entering the library through the wrong doors (it's the left doors, freshies. Figure it out.)

Library Tough Guy, you mostly

stay at ground level, keeping the people of Instagram updated on just how deep your literature tastes are. You want to ascend to the upper levels? OK, you'll start by passing modern artwork that could be called "Crabs in Space," which seems to warn you "If you can't handle badass exploding crustaceans, you can't handle the second floor." After seeing that, it's OK if you turn around and pick out a DVD instead. Have you seen "The Little Mermaid?"

If you think you're ready for the second floor, let me tell you something: you're not. Everything here is kids books, magazines, offices or rooms full of old glass cases and computer stuff behind permanently locked doors beguilingly marked "Museum." God knows what's behind those doors, but disembodied, demon-possessed clown dolls are probably a good guess.

Eat your heart out on the second floor, Library Tough Guy. But

for the love of T.S. Eliot, stay away from my penthouse suite third floor where library aristocrats recline in carpeted luxury as they try to ignore the fact that the study stalls, seen from above, form swastikas. Just try to unsee that.

Most third-floor dwellers open the door with their pinky out. It's a swanky pad. Don't believe me? Go take a piss. No really, go to the restroom and tell me what you see staring back at you. That's right, a mini poster advertising jazz streaming from the library's website. Louie Armstrong is watching you wipe your butt. Because library staff thinks that if you've made it to the third floor, you like to be jazzy when you, well, you know.

The library is a very special place, Library Tough Guy. I even left a pair of shoes there one time.

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WHAT'S HOT

Billboard Hot 100 Songs

1. Maroon 5- "One More Night"
2. Psy- "Gangnam Style"
3. One Direction- "Live While We're Young"
4. fun.- "Some Nights"
5. Taylor Swift- "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together"

Billboard Top 200

1. Mumford & Sons- "Babel"
2. Muse- "The 2nd Law"
3. Miguel- "Kaleidoscope Dream"
4. P!nk- "The Truth About Love"
5. Three Days Grace-"Transit Of Venus"

In Theaters This Week:

"Alex Cross"
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Director: Rob Cohen
Starring: Tyler Perry, Edward Burns

"Paranormal Activity 4"
(Horror)
Directors: Henry Joost, Ariel Schulman

"The First Time"
(Romantic Comedy)
Director: Jonathan Kasdan
Starring: Britt Robertson, Dylan O'Brien

"Nobody Walks"
(Romantic Comedy)
Director: Ry Russo-Young
Starring: John Krasinski, Olivia Thirlby

"That's What She Said"
(Comedy)
Director: Carrie Preston
Starring: Marcia DeBonis, Anne Heche

Bearcat Football

Northwest defeated the No. 1 ranked Pittsburg State Gorillas on Saturday giving the team the energy they need heading into the final weeks of the season.

Presidential Debates

President Obama and presidential candidate Mitt Romney faced off yet again this week, taking the 2012 race down to the wire.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Everyone is pitching in during October to help raise awareness and fight against breast cancer.

WHAT'S NOT

Tom Morello

It is socially acceptable for celebrities to show their support to the political candidate of their choice, but this guy has taken his power too far in this year's election.

Russell Crowe

The recently divorced actor may be looking at forking over \$25 million to his ex-wife due to the split.

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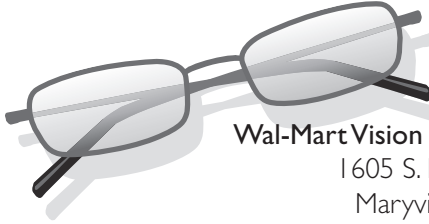
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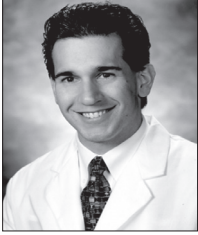
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Dorrel said Franklin's ability to ice away the game gives him more confidence in the team to close out tight games in future fourth quarters.

"The thing I was proud with the kids about, we're up by three points, and we get the ball back, and I'm looking at the clock - I mean that's my job - I'm the head coach and I gotta manage the clock," Dorrel said. "And the kids saw me, and there was about seven of them, and they said, 'don't worry about that, we're going to score a touchdown.' So I was like, 'OK, well, go score a touchdown then.'"

"It's not one of those things where people are gonna start walking around with their chests puffed out," Dorrel said. "It's a humble confidence that's gonna make us work and try to make us be blue collar and have fun on Saturday."

The Bearcats celebrate after beating former No. 1 Pittsburg State in the 2012 Fall Classic at Arrowhead Stadium Oct. 13. Northwest won 31-21.

CONTINUED FROM **A14**

Mild concussions are not viewed as a mild injury anymore. It is the milder, consistent head injuries that

"I completely understand and agree with all of the new concussion rules since it teaches you to become a better form tackler," Gnader said. "I hope that they can keep working to make football a safer game, so they don't take it away from us."

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NW FOOTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Emporia State.....	7-0	7-0
Washburn.....	6-1	6-1
NORTHWEST.....	6-1	5-1
Mo. Western.....	6-1	5-1
Pitt. State.....	5-1	5-1
Central Mo.....	5-2	5-2
Lindenwood.....	5-2	4-2
Mo. Southern.....	5-2	4-2
Truman.....	4-3	3-3
Fort Hays.....	2-5	2-5
Central Oklahoma.....	1-6	1-6
Southwest Baptist.....	1-6	1-6
Lincoln (Mo.).....	1-6	1-6
Northeastern State.....	0-6	0-6
Nebraska-Kearney.....	0-7	0-7

October 20:

NORTHWEST at Mo. Southern
 Washburn at Lindenwood
 Mo. Western at Pitt. State
 Central Mo. at Northeastern St.
 Emporia St. at Truman
 Lincoln (Mo.) at Fort Hays

MHS FOOTBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
MARYVILLE.....	8-0	6-0
Savannah.....	7-1	5-1
Lafayette.....	7-1	5-1
Smithville.....	5-3	3-3
LeBlond.....	5-3	3-3
Cameron.....	1-7	1-5
Chillicothe.....	1-7	1-5
Benton.....	1-7	0-6

October 19:

MARYVILLE at Lafayette
 LeBlond at Savannah
 Cameron at Smithville
 Chillicothe at Benton

NW VOLLEYBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Washburn.....	21-1	8-1
Central Mo.....	16-4	8-1
Nebraska-Kearney.....	20-2	7-1
Truman.....	18-4	7-2
Emporia State.....	15-6	5-3
NORTHWEST.....	11-10	5-4
Fort Hays.....	19-8	4-5
Central Oklahoma.....	9-11	4-5
Lindenwood.....	13-9	3-5
Mo. Western.....	12-11	3-7
Pitt. State.....	11-9	2-6
Southwest Baptist.....	8-15	1-8
Mo. Southern.....	0-21	0-9

October 19:

NORTHWEST at Washburn
 Lindenwood at Central Okla.
 Pitt. State at Truman
 Fort Hays at Mo. Southern
 Kearney at Southwest Baptist

MHS VOLLEYBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
LeBlond.....	24-1-2	6-0
MARYVILLE.....	12-2	8-1
Smithville.....	8-7-2	5-2
Savannah.....	10-7	6-3
Benton.....	10-9	6-6
Chillicothe.....	6-8	3-6
Cameron.....	11-11-1	1-5
Lafayette.....	4-11	0-10

October 22:

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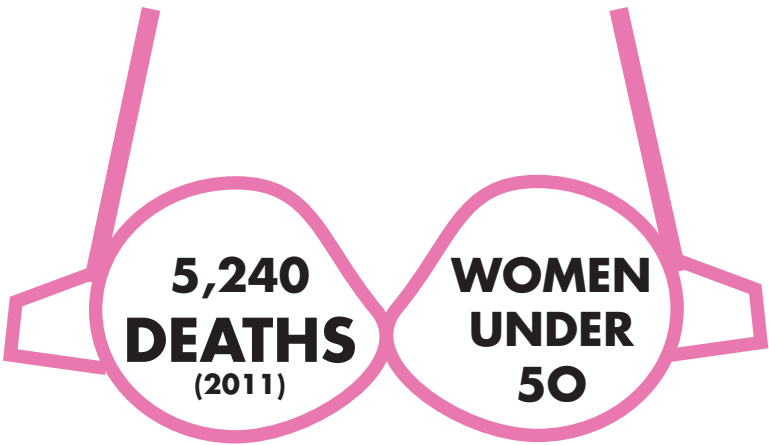
Breast cancer is a random disease. It gives little to no warning signs and claims thousands of lives each year.

The month of October is dedicated to breast cancer awareness and the fact that one in eight women are diagnosed with the disease within their lifetime.

Each year, approximately 220,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer, and more than 40,000 die, according to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

"I know a lot of people with the disease," senior Lauren Mezzacasa said. "My neighbor, who has been like a second mother to me for as long as I can remember, two years ago she was finally clear."

"She had a lot of hard times, and we all experienced moments of holding our breath, waiting to hear



results...She was such an inspiration to us all, and I wish, one day, I could be as strong as she was."

Symptoms are uncommon in the early, most-treatable stages of breast cancer. Women 40 years and older are encouraged to get yearly mammogram screenings.

A mammogram, which takes an x-ray picture of a person's breasts,

is the most effective method to detect breast cancer. If breast cancer is detected early, the survival rate is 98 percent, according to the NBCF.

"I know I should be more aware," senior Lindsay Masin said. "I think I put off educating myself about it out of the fear of finding something could be wrong."

Women can schedule mammo-

gram appointments at St. Francis Hospital and Health Services by calling 660.562.7907. The hospital provides each woman with a MammoPad breast cushion, is a foam pad that acts as a cushion between a woman and the mammography machine.

Breast cancer has no known preventive methods at this time. However, the ACS recommends that women follow certain measures to minimize their risk.

"My family has had bad luck with cancer, but luckily, they have also had good luck with overcoming tragedy," Mezzacasa said. "The possibility of getting this disease is very scary to me."

One tip the ACS gives is to maintain a healthy weight throughout life. The organization recommends balancing calorie intake with physical activity and avoiding excessive weight gain. It also encourages adopting a physically active lifestyle, which includes en-

gaging in at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity five or more days per week.

The ACS also encourages a healthy diet that includes eating five or more vegetable and fruit servings a day and limiting the intake of processed and red meats. Lastly, women should limit their alcohol intake to no more than one drink per day.

"I have known a few people who have been diagnosed with breast cancer," Masin said. "The moments I find out someone has been diagnosed really switch off the fear, and I immediately become aware of the fact that this can happen to anyone. I am not excluded from that."

The ACS also found that smokers are 16 percent more likely to develop breast cancer.

Anyone looking for more information can call the ACS at 1.800.227.2345. Cancer information specialists are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Campus radio station hosts 'Breast Fest' benefit

ALEX RASH
Associate Editor | @Alex_Rash

Staff members at X-106 KZLX-FM plan to spread awareness of more than just musical talent.

The on-campus radio station will host Breast Fest in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oct. 30 in the J.W. Jones Student Union.

"I am going to attend," senior Kelly Critten said. "I love supporting breast cancer and the fight to beat it."

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women world-

wide, according to the World Health Organization.

"My aunt Karen died from breast cancer," Critten said. "She fought until she really wasn't living anymore. Then she decided to stop (chemotherapy) and live, do all the things she wanted to do before dying."

Those in attendance will have the opportunity to partake in contests and competitions.

"It is for a good cause," junior KZLX staff member Travis Peter said. "It gets people on campus active and more importantly, aware of breast cancer."

Free breast cancer tests will be

made available at the event. There will also be bra decorating and a fashion show for participants to enjoy.

My Favorite Muffin plans to contribute dozens of mini muffins for attendees of the event.

All donations and proceeds collected at the event will go to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The foundation was established in 1982 and since then has become one of the major players in the fight against breast cancer.

Senior Macy Thompson said her life was affected by the disease when her grandmother was diagnosed.

Thompson's grandmother fought and won the battle against breast cancer.

"It is a disease that affects so many people at so many different levels," Thompson said. "It seems like we all know someone who died of breast cancer, someone who is currently undergoing treatment, or someone who is a survivor."

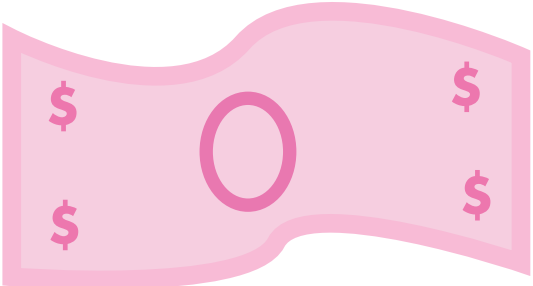
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Maryville focused on final regular season game

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Eight games into the season with just one game left on the schedule until the playoffs, the Spoofhound football team is still perfect.

Maryville takes on Lafayette at 7 p.m. Friday night at Lafayette, aiming for a spotless 9-0 regular season.

Head coach Matt Webb said his team needs to take care of Friday night before thinking about the playoffs.

“We talked about this being the last guaranteed thing when the schedule came out,” Webb said. “Before we talk about playoffs or before we talk about district seeding, we want to finish this week the right way.”

The Spoofhounds defeated rival Savannah on the road 31-14 last week.

Sophomore running back Brody McMahon finished with 21 carries for 96 yards and three touchdowns.



KAYLA MEPELINK | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior wide reciever Peyton Mizera shoves past two Savannah defenders during the Oct. 12, 31-14 Spoofhound win.

Junior defensive back Trent Nally picked off two Warrior passes, returning one for a touchdown. Webb said that win put the

Spoofhounds over a hump and propelled them into a new phase of the season. “It really is the start of the next

season for us,” Webb said. “This is the finish of our regular season, and then it kickstarted us into what is our postseason. Although it may be the last regular season game, it’s really kind of exciting to realize what we can do in this tournament once we get into it after this week ... This senior group was really something special this year, and they want to finish the regular season on a great note.”

There were a few things on film Webb said the ‘Hounds can work on against Lafayette, including running the ball more efficiently on offense and tackling techniques on defense.

Webb said Lafayette is a great program and not a team to be cautious with.

“They’ve got the best backfield we’ll play all year; they’ve got some great D-linemen, and they’ve got some guys that’ll play at the college level on that team,” Webb said. “They are a very good football team. It’s not cautious at all. We’re going to win that game.” When the Fighting Irish took

“This is for a conference title this week. We wanna win it outright. We don’t wanna share it. We want something that’s ours and ours only.”

Matt Webb

on Savannah, they lost just 21-14.

“This is not a game to be taken lightly,” Webb said. “Lafayette has beaten everybody except Savannah. And when you watch that game, they had every opportunity to win that game. They outplayed Savannah in a lot of areas. This is a very good football program.

“This is for a conference title this week. We wanna win it outright. We don’t wanna share it. We want something that’s ours and ours only.”

Golf rounds out season with 6th-place state finish

CRAIG SIMS
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The Maryville girls golf team finished its season Tuesday at the state tournament.

As a team, the Spoofhounds finished sixth overall out of the eight teams competing.

“It’s the nature of the beast,” head coach Brenda Ricks said. It’s a whole different game when you’re there, and you got all the galleries watching.

“I told them that if you start thinking about medaling, you’re not going to, period,” Ricks said. “For them to be able to get that out of their heads, it’s hard.”

The ‘Hounds scored a 423 in the first round Monday, followed by a second-round score of 403 Tuesday, for a total of 826 as a team.

Westminster Christian Academy High School earned first place with a total score of 669.

“I’m very pleased with the way they played and the way they got along,” Ricks said. “They just had a

lot of fun.”

Seniors Jessica Pfost and Megan Shell finished in the top 30 overall with individual scores of 186 and 190, respectfully.

Pfost finished 28th and Shell tied for 29th place out of 89 total golfers in the final tournament of the season.

Freshman Mollie Holtman finished the tourney with a two-day score of 221. Junior Cassidy Holtman scored a 231, and sophomore Hannah Brod added a score of 242 to complete the tournament.

The Spoofhounds won several tournaments throughout the season, including the Chillicothe tournament and the tournament Maryville hosted.

With this season now in the books, Ricks said that she is pleased with all the girls’ efforts and is looking forward to next year.

“We will have a fairly new squad next year,” Ricks said. “Having three girls that hadn’t been to state before this year, and getting that experience, that will make us tougher.”

Volleyball enters districts as No. 1

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With the district tournament just a few days away, head volleyball coach Lori Klaus knows that her team can not let its guard down at this point in the season.

The Spoofhounds, who are ranked No. 1, have a first-round bye in the single-elimination tournament.

“We are going to have to stay focused and not let our guard down,” Klaus said. “We have beat every team in our district (this season), some of them twice.

“It’s hard to beat a team three times in a row. They kind of learn how you play, and they find out your weaknesses.”

The ‘Hounds will play the winner between No. 4 Benton and No. 5 Cameron.

The game starts at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 23 at home.

No. 2 Savannah will play the winner between No. 3 Chillicothe and No. 6 Lafayette.

“I feel like we are a really balanced team,” Klaus said. “There’s not one person that stands out. If everyone does their job and plays their best, then we will play pretty

well.”

With a record of 22-5-2, 5-1 MEC, the Spoofhounds are coming off of wins against Chillicothe last Thursday followed by a win against Fairfax Monday.

The ‘Hounds won both sets against Fairfax by a score of 25-12.

Junior outside hitter Aubrey Kimble paced Maryville with seven digs, six kills and four aces.

Senior outside hitter Sara Knowles finished with five digs, four kills and four aces.

Senior libero Jessa Stiens added seven digs and two kills in the win.

Maryville played Smithville Tuesday night to conclude its regular season.

However, statistics were not available as of press time.

Klaus said that the team is focused and coming together at the end of the season.

“They want to make it out of districts and make it to the sectional games,” Klaus said.

“There’s always a little more pressure because you know if you lose, you’re done. Your season’s over. But as far as how we warm up, what we say in the huddle, the girls are just much more comfort-



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior outside hitter Aubrey Kimble returns the ball to Fairfax during Monday night’s game at Maryville High School.

able if you treat it like any other game. It’s just kind of the same game on a bigger stage.”

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

James Franklin



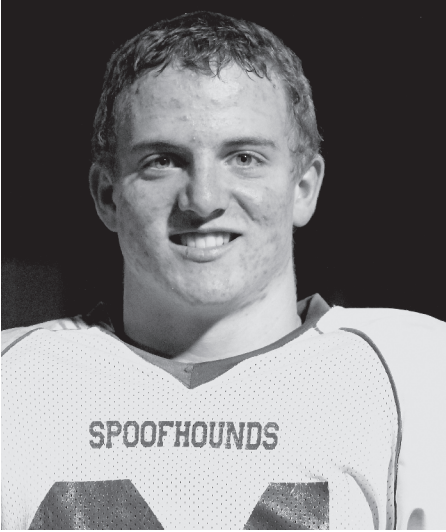
Junior running back James Franklin closed out Northwest’s fourth quarter comeback against Pittsburg State with two touchdowns. Franklin finished with 115 rushing yards.

Dallas Gardner



Although it ended in a 3-0 loss, freshman setter Dallas Gardner finished the Oct. 12 match against Central Oklahoma with 23 assists, seven kills and four digs.

Brody McMahon



Sophomore running back Brody McMahon led the way for the Spoofhounds in the 31-14 win over Savannah with 21 carries for 96 yards and three touchdowns.

SPOOFHOUNDS



Aubrey Kimble



Junior outside hitter Aubrey Kimble finished with seven digs, six kills and four assists in Maryville’s win over Fairfax Monday in the Spike Out Cancer game.

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Volleyball faces tough stretch

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Heading into a two-game week-end against Washburn and Emporia State, head volleyball coach Amy Phelps said her team is only focused on one thing – itself.

“We need to get better as a team and cut down on our unforced errors,” Phelps said. “I think if we focus on us and still be aggressive, but take some (unforced errors) out, I think that will put us on the best path to be successful.”

The Bearcats are going into Friday’s game against Washburn having dropped their last four games, three of them being conference games against Central Missouri, Central Oklahoma and Pittsburg State.

Last Sunday’s game against the Gorillas went to five sets, but the Bearcats fell short in the fifth set 16-14.

Phelps said against Washburn, her team has to grow and get better considering they face conference opponents from now until the end of the season.

Washburn enters the game with a record of 21-1, 8-1 MIAA and ranked No. 4 in the nation.

“You have to go 100 percent or you’re going to be done,” Phelps said. “There’s no question in your brain that when you step on that floor, you got to bring it every single point.”

“I think that’s the most fun games to play, the ones that challenge you the most. I just want to see our team step up, and our goal is to take a set away.”

The ‘Cats battled Washburn to four sets when the two teams played Sept. 25 but ended up losing the game in the fourth set 25-17.

“When we came into this season, we knew that if we took care of the teams that we needed to take care of in the mid-to-upper pack, that we would be fine,” Phelps said. “It’s not like we want to roll over against Washburn, but we definitely want to push them and play well to get some momentum for Saturday.”

Northwest faces Washburn at 7 p.m. at Topeka, Kan.

After Friday’s game against Washburn, Northwest plays Emporia State at 3 p.m. Saturday at Emporia, Kan.

“When we play Emporia, it’s a really important match,” Phelps said. “We feel like we have a really good chance of going in there and



KAYLA MEPELINK | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior middle hitter Whitney Mason returns the ball against Pittsburg State.

taking away a set. They are a beat-able team. They aren’t as strong as they have been in past years, but regardless of that, we have to put together a strong performance on our side that’s consistent.”

With a record of 11-11, the Bearcats will face rival Missouri Western at 7 p.m. Oct. 23 at home.

Cross country to host MIAA Championships

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The Northwest cross country team will host the MIAA Championships Saturday at the Maryville Country Club.

Head coach Scott Lorek said he and the team are ready for the challenge.

“It’s going to be a lot of fun” said Lorek.

The Bearcats have battled injuries all season long. The championships will be the first time the team will be at full strength since the first race of the year.

“It’s huge,” Lorek said. “I think in some ways people have forgotten how good we are. With everybody healthy and on board, I think we can prove that.”

Lorek said when it comes to cross country, running at home does not give you a very big advantage.

“When it comes to the course, we don’t really get to use the course to train or practice on, so we don’t get an advantage there,” Lorek said. “What helps is being at home and sleeping in your own bed and not in a hotel.”

Lorek makes sure he does not take any team in the conference lightly.

“They’re all good. On the men’s side Fort Hays, Missouri Southern

and Southwest Baptist are all very good,” Lorek said. “On the women’s side, it’s Southwest Baptist and Missouri Southern that I think might be the best in the conference.”

Lorek expects the consistent showings from seniors Ryan Darling and Brittany Poole to continue.

“Ryan and Brittany have been our number-one runners all season,” Lorek said. “They run good races, and we need that to carry over to everyone else on the team.”

Lorek also looks to his younger runners to carry some of the load.

“We expect and we need good races out of everybody,” Lorek said. “With this course and the competition level, any team that has a runner with a bad day will be sunk.”

The end of the year is the most important time in a cross country season according to Lorek.

“In our sport, it all comes down to these last couple weeks,” said Lorek. “This determines your conference rank, so it doesn’t matter how you finished in the Woody Greeno meet or the Hays Invitational. It’s a big time of year for us, and I’m looking forward to the challenge.”

The MIAA Championships are Saturday at the Maryville Country Club. The men’s race starts at 10 a.m. with the women following at 11 a.m.

Soccer prepares for three key games



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior forward Fiona Moloney boots the ball during the Oct. 7, 1-0 win against Washburn at Bearcat Pitch.

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Northwest women’s soccer will look to finish strong in the home stretch of the regular season.

The Bearcats begin a string of three important home conference matches to close out the season when they take on Southwest Baptist (6-6-2, 3-3-2) Friday. The ‘Cats plan to improve on finishing when on the attack, head coach Tracy Hoza said.

“We have to play with a high level of energy offensively and create opportunities for ourselves,” Hoza said. “We’re doing a good job of getting the ball up the field, but we must do a better job of getting the ball in the box and putting it away.”

Northwest currently sits in fourth place in the MIAA standings, trailing Central Oklahoma (12-1-2, 7-0-2), Truman (11-2-1, 7-1) and Central Missouri (10-1-3, 6-0-2).

The ‘Cats will face the third-place Jennies Sunday in a match which could decide the final standings in conference play.

“It’s important to get back to the basics by focusing on being in the right position at all times,” Hoza said. “We’re going to stress attacking the ball with confidence. When we do that, we win. We know how important these last three games are, and we’re going to give it all we’ve got.”

Northwest had its streak of five consecutive games without a loss snapped when they fell to Fort Hays State 3-1 on the road Saturday. The Bearcats were 3-0-2 during that stretch.

The ‘Cats’ overall record sits at 7-4-3 and 5-2-2 in MIAA play.

Northwest will play consecutive matches at Bearcat Pitch, starting with Southwest Baptist at 3 p.m. Friday. Then at 1 p.m. Sunday, the Bearcats face Central Missouri.

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Bearcats take on Missouri Southern at 2 p.m. Saturday in Joplin. Check www.nwmissourinews.com for a full story following the game.

Attend the Basketball Bash starting at 8 p.m. Thursday for **FREE at Bearcat Arena.**

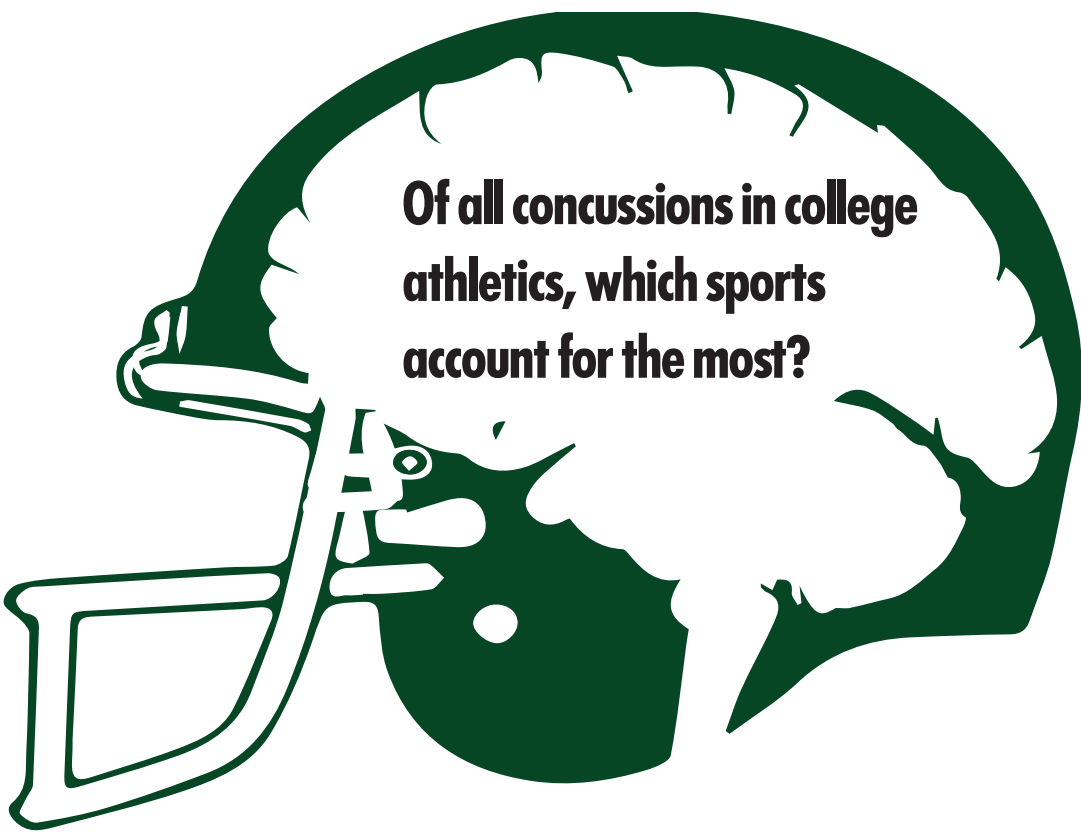
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Fall Classic XI adds new chapter to old rivalry

DALTON VITT
Online Editor



Another Fall Classic in the books, another memorable rivalry game played out at Arrowhead Stadium, another unbelievable comeback.

Last Saturday, as we watched Northwest take down previously ranked No. 1 Pittsburg State, we were watching history.

Not the kind of history we remember because of outlandish statistics or unpredictable upsets, but because of a sense of passion you can only find if you're willing to look in an unlikely spot.

In a day and age of sports being dominated by Florida, California and Texas; an era when a particular four-letter sports media outlet that shall not be named forgets about us Midwesterners, you can only find this kind of passion in a Division-II rivalry.

Bearcats vs. Gorillas. Maryville vs. Pittsburg. Green vs. Red.

This game was circled on the calendar before the season even began, as Northwest junior running back James Franklin said after the victory.

While the comeback we witnessed Saturday may not be as unbelievable as the one Pitt pulled out against Northwest last season, this one was equally as impressive.

The Bearcat offense was stagnant in the first half, to put it lightly.

Northwest mustered less than 100 total yards in the first two frames, but the defense held strong and kept the Bearcats alive, surrendering just one first-half score.

What was truly remarkable was how Northwest came out in the second half, which was the best half of Bearcat football I've ever seen.

Following a Gorilla touchdown to open the half, junior quarterback Trevor Adams marched the offense on a 75-yard touchdown drive that took less than two minutes, bringing life back to the sidelines.

In a 14-7 game, with 13:28 left in the fourth quarter, the play that may have Pitt fans kicking themselves happened.

Pittsburg opted to go for a fourth-and-one at the Northwest 17 rather than kicking a field goal that would have put the Gorillas up by two scores.

The Bearcat defense held, and you could feel everything in the stadium spin 180 degrees.

What had felt just 15 minutes earlier like a slow, drawn-out, eventual Pittsburg win, turned into bliss for Bearcats fans.

We watched Northwest completely turn the tide on the one team it couldn't during the Dream Season.

In the final 10 minutes, the Bearcats scored touchdowns on three consecutive drives, one coming on the play that defined Fall Classic XI for Northwest fans.

On fourth-and-short, Adams faked a handoff to Franklin and found senior John Hinchey at the Pittsburg 10-yard line before bouncing off a Pitt defender to find pay dirt and a Bearcat lead.

Fall Classic XII may not live up to the previous two matchups at Arrowhead.

In 2013, we may not watch a beaten team find a second win and an improbable second-half comeback.

Next fall, we may not see another historical college football game.

But I wouldn't bet against it.

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Sophomore linebacker D.J. Gnader is well aware of the risks associated with playing football. He knows the long-term threats involved with a game defined by brute force and intense physicality.

With one easy-going sentence, Gnader summed up the vast concern surrounding concussions.

"There's nothing scarier than seeing a guy go down with a head injury."

Every year, athletics draw in

substantial public attention and a wide array of viewership.

Yet it was not until recently the same thoughtfulness has gone toward the high injury rate associated with sports, particularly in football, with a focus on concussions.

Athletes continue to get bigger and faster, generating vicious collisions and increasing the prospects for serious head injuries.

According to studies by Purdue University, concussion rates in college football have doubled since the new rules were put into place to protect player safety. Whether this is due to a raised awareness from

coaches and trainers or the sheer mass and velocity of today's athletes, it is a startling statistic.

Head athletic trainer Kelly Quinlin has reported more than 10 concussions from football and more than five concussions from all other sports combined at Northwest this fall season.

"Concussions can occur in any sport but are significantly higher in football and women's soccer," Quinlin said. "Regardless, we take each step necessary to ensure an athlete doesn't return to the field until all symptoms are cleared."

These steps are thorough and

precise, beginning with a neuro-cognitive evaluation through ImPACT Testing.

ImPACT Testing is a computerized program designed to test the brain function of a concussed athlete in regard to reaction time and memory. An athlete must take it immediately as a freshman and again after suffering a concussion.

Athletes are then measured by symptoms through rest and exertion. If he or she can perform day-to-day activities without any

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Bearcats knock off No. 1, continue road trip in Joplin

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For the third straight season, the No. 5 Northwest football team will make the four-hour drive to Joplin to take on Missouri Southern.

The Lions are one of the few football teams left that run the triple option, and head coach Adam Dorrel said they run it well.

"I think the number one thing they're doing is, honestly, people don't know how to defend it," Dorrel said. "They haven't had to go against it for a long time. As coaches, when you don't have to do something for a long time, you almost kind of forget, literally, how you used to defend that stuff ... I think it's a mix between the coaches don't see it much, and the kids don't see it much."

What worries Dorrel most about Saturday is the Lions' senior defensive tackle, Brandon Williams, who Dorrel said should get drafted on day one of the NFL Draft in April.

"I know for the O-line, they watched film on (Williams), and it's, 'get focused right away, or you may get killed Saturday by that guy,'" Dorrel said.

Williams will line up in different spots depending on the down and distance, which Dorrel said causes problems in scheming to block him.

Last Saturday, both teams sur-



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Senior wide receiver Tyler Shaw tries to avoid a Pittsburg State defender during Saturday's 31-21 victory at Arrowhead.

mounted improbable comebacks away from home.

The Bearcats beat previously No. 1 Pittsburg State 31-21 in Fall Classic XI behind strong defense and a well-played second half.

Senior wide receiver John Hinchey finished with what Dorrel said was his best career game, catching four passes for 63 yards

and a key touchdown.

The Lions beat former No. 4 Missouri Western 31-30, a completely unforeseen upset.

"We've both got a lot of momentum," Dorrel said. "Looking at (Lion head coach Daryl Daye's) football team, he's gotta feel pretty good about where they're at right now. And I feel good about our

football team and where we're at right now because I know what I've got, and I've got a great group of seniors that are gonna be focused Saturday when we get to Joplin."

Junior running back James Franklin rushed for 115 yards and two touchdowns in Saturday's win

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Bearcat basketball programs start winter season with annual event at Bearcat Arena

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The Northwest men's and women's basketball teams will tip off the winter season with the annual Basketball Bash.

The event starts at 8 p.m. Thursday at Bearcat Arena.

The doors will be open to everyone at 7:45 p.m. The first 200 people to arrive will get free pizza and drinks.

The Bearcat Cheerleaders and Steppers will also perform. Several giveaways will take place throughout the evening, including an iPad as the grand prize.

Men's head coach Ben McCollum, entering his fourth season, said the event is good for both fans and players.

"We just want to raise the student awareness, I guess, of men's basketball and the importance of getting students to games and having the quality cheering section and representing the Northwest students at basketball games," McCollum said. "Also it's to kind of kick-it-off for our kids. Just, 'hey, this is the start of the season; we're gonna do something special for you and get everybody excited

"You just want to get out and be seen and hope that you spur just a little excitement and get some fans interested."

Mark Kellogg

about basketball."

McCollum returns to the Bearcats after winning the MIAA

Coach of the Year award, as well as being named the Division-II National Coach of the Year by CollegeInsider last season.

Women's head coach Mark Kellogg, entering his first year with Northwest, said it is a great opportunity.

Kellogg comes to Northwest following a seven-year stint as head coach at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo.

"You just want to get out and be seen and hope that you spur just a little excitement and get some fans interested," Kellogg said.